

TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	2,350.
Population (mid 1947)	...	...	...	...	...	10,020.
Number of Inhabited houses (end 1947)						
according to Rate Books.				...	...	3,092.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£92,410.
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	£392.14.3.958d.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Except for a Ship-building Yard there are no local industries of importance. The area is entirely residential and caters for visitors more or less all the year round.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		M	F	Total	
Live Births: Legitimate	...	89	68	157	) 172
Illegitimate	...	10	5	15	
Still Births: Legitimate	...	2	1	3	
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population				17.16	
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births				11.63	
Deaths - Crude	160	Death rate	15.96	per 1,000	
Corrected	192	Death rate	19.16	per 1,000	
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	...	Nil.			
Cancer	...	...	34		
Measles	...	...	Nil.		
Whooping Cough	...	...	Nil.		
Diarrhoea	...	...	Nil.		
(under 2 years of age)					
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age - 3 legitimate males					
				17.1	per 1,000).

INCIDENCE OF & CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES DURING 1947.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	Nil	Nil	Nil
Scarlet Fever	6	2	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil	Nil
Typhoid Fever	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	11	Nil	6
Whooping Cough	42	Nil	Nil
Erysipelas	2	Nil	Nil
Measles	296	Nil	Nil
Acute Poliomyelitis	2	2	Nil



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INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

One hundred and eighty three (183) children were immunised against Diphtheria during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS ARRANGED IN AGE GROUPS.

	Under 1 yr.	1 year.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5 years.	6-10 yrs.	11-15 yrs.	16-20 yrs.	21-35 yrs.	36-45 yrs.	46-65 yrs.	66 & over.	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever				1			2				3			6
Pneumonia		1					1				4	1	4	11
Whooping Cough	2	5	2	8	4	6	11	2	1		1			42
Erysipelas												1	1	2
Acute Poliomyelitis					1	1								2
Measles	13	35	29	29	40	46	87	16	1					296

TUBERCULOSIS.

Particulars of new cases notified during 1947 in the District are as follows:-

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Under 25	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
25 - 34	1	2	Nil	Nil
35 - 44	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
45 - 54	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
55 - 64	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Deaths from Tuberculosis numbered four only.

Pulmonary - Three males, aged 26, 52 and 60.
One female, aged 28.
Non-pulmonary - Nil.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1947.

I am informed by the Sanitary Inspector that during the year he has made a total of 2,680 Inspections and visits in connection with his official duties.

These are divided as follows:-

General Inspections re Nuisances, Housing etc.,	989
Visits in connection with works in progress, etc.,	1,111
Food Premises	198
Dairies and Cowsheds, etc.,	92
Workshops, shops, etc.,	81
Visits in connection with Rat and Mice infestations	209
Smoke and water tests applied to drainage.	335
Parcels of Bedding, Clothing, etc., passed through Steam Disinfector.	21
Statutory Notices served	3

HOUSING. During the year 35 new houses on the Council's Housing Sites were erected and occupied, and 16 families were placed in requisitioned accommodation. The list of applicants per premises under the control of the Council showed no reduction,

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HOUSING (continued)

but rather increased during the year.

FOOD.

No slaughtering (except occasional slaughter of pigs) took place in the District, all meat being obtained from the Ministry of Food's Centralised Slaughtering Depots, but supervision of food premises was maintained and a total weight of 4,042 lbs. of foodstuffs was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

SHELLFISH. Toward the end of the year, samples of Mussels obtained from the River Beaches and laying beds were taken, and proved unsatisfactory. Investigations were carried on into 1948.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Is under the control of the Public Health Department. Collection of refuse once weekly from private houses, and twice weekly from hotels and boarding houses, etc., is executed by two Karrier "Bantam" Refuse Vehicles. Tipping, by controlled methods, is at the Council's tip at Broadmeadow, which it is proposed eventually to convert to an extensive levelled area, capable of accommodation football grounds, cricket pitches, etc., which are badly needed in the District.

SALVAGE.

During the year intensive efforts were made to increase the amount of salvage recovered, particularly paper, and a total weight of 76½ tons of the latter was collected, baled and sold. Other salvage reclaimed were Iron, Rags and Bones.

Collection is by means of two trailers attached to the Refuse Collection vehicles, so that all premises are visited weekly, and in addition a special collection is made from shops, hotels, etc., Baling and storage is carried out at the Salvage Depot at the Broadmeadow Refuse Tip.

WATER SUPPLY.

By the kindness of the Water Engineer I am able to quote the following figures in regard to the Water Supply of the District.

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PARTICULARS OF WATER SUPPLY - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

TEIGNMOUTH.

LOW LEVEL.

Total Consumption.		73,086,000 gallons.
Average consumption.		200,200 "
Estimated Population supplied		5,052
Hours of supply - 1946		Continuous except for three days in December.
do	- 1947	Continuous.
Rainfall	1946	42.79 inches.
do	1947	36.79 inches.

TEIGNMOUTH.

HIGH LEVEL.

Total Consumption		96,201,000 gallons.
Average daily consumption		263,600 "
Estimated population supplied		3,579
Hours of supply - 1946		Continuous except for three days in December.
do	1947	Continuous.
Rainfall	1946	42.25 inches.
do	1947	36.17 inches.

SHALDON.

Total consumption		27,231,000 gallons.
Average daily consumption		74,600 "
Estimated population supplied		1,388
Hours of supply - 1946		Continuous except for three days in December.
do	1947	Continuous.
Rainfall	1946	45.79 inches.
do	1947	37.40 inches.

